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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 11 October 1968

\*Godfrey noted that the Ghanaians are claiming that the two captured Soviet trawlers are communications ships. The Director

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D/ONE advised that a Secret version of NIE 13-3 is now available for the Director's signature.

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Maury reported that DIA is briefing the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee today and that DIA's remarks will complement the briefing provided last week by [ ]

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Maury noted that Senator Stennis will be departing on a European trip on 5 November and that we will seek to be at the Senator's disposal for advance preparations and cooperation during the trip.

Maury advised that Senator Jackson has solicited assistance for a speech he intends to make on the recent annunciation of Soviet doctrine on the socialist commonwealth and its effects on international law.

Parrott reported that General Maxwell Taylor will be briefed today on Argentina and Mexico.

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ADD/S&T reiterated that it is most unlikely there will be a Soviet circumlunar shot this month.

ADD/S&T noted that the recent Soviet missile tests were MRV's, not MIRV's, and that the issue before us is what is required for the Soviets to convert the MRV's to MIRV's.

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DDCI reported that Ambassador Bohlen received Secretary Rusk's concurrence, subject to Ambassador Thompson's approval, to pass the fact of the HIGH HEELS exercise to the Soviets through our military attache in Moscow.

The Director drew attention to a memorandum from Tom Hughes requesting that a Secret version of NIE 11-17 be made available to NATO governments.

\*The Director advised that Under Secretary Katzenbach and Deputy Secretary Nitze are both eager to receive the CIA/DIA study on the Arab-Israeli situation which was authorized by USIB yesterday. After hearing a report from the ADD/I on the status of work finished and to be done in connection with this study, the Director asked to receive the paper in draft before it is distributed to policy levels.

The Director reminded that Mr. Curt Foster is visiting him today and was advised that the DDCI and ADD/S&T will be on hand for the session.

\*The Director advised that William Bundy has reconvened the Laos working group and noted rising concern about the situation in Laos. The Director asked the DD/P to ensure that [redacted] or another senior official participates in the working group. D/ONE noted the existence

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of an ONE staff paper on the political situation and Communist policies in Laos, which he will review in terms of making it available to the working group. The Director asked that Carver explore whether SAVA's informal weekly report on the Laos military situation can be polished up for wider, more formal distribution.

\*The Director reported that yesterday's discussion in SIG on the Arab-Israeli dispute was discursive but inconclusive. The Director informed the ADD/I that the former has been invited to submit any ideas or suggestions on the Arab-Israeli problem which might be remotely helpful and asked the ADD/I to follow through.

L. K. White

\*Extracted and sent to action officer

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